

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portal server comprising:

a processor; and

a memory component communicatively coupled to the processor, the memory component having stored therein computer-executable instructions configured to implement aspects of the portal server including:

a data interface for accessing a plurality of application issue data sources for obtaining application issue data regarding one or more applications associated with a plurality of independent software vendors (ISVs), [[,]] where the data interface is configured to ~~allow~~ facilitate an ISV access to ~~the at least one aggregated~~ application issue data ~~associated with one or more of the ISV's applications~~; and

an aggregation module for aggregating ~~the application issue data to facilitate determining an aggregated~~ the application issue data set, the aggregation module configured to aggregate the application issue data by application and as a function of a qualitative priority, for presenting ~~to at least one or more ISV application developers~~ a customizable user interface that presents the aggregated application issue data set including data pertaining to regarding the one or more applications associated with ~~that a corresponding ISV of the plurality of ISVs and omits the application issue data for applications not associated with that ISV.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The portal server according to Claim 1, wherein the aggregation module is further operable to prioritize data included in the application issue data set according to at least one criterion received from an external computing device at the request of an application developer.

3. (Previously presented) The portal server according to Claim 2, wherein the at least one criterion includes one or more criteria selected from the group consisting of issue ID, application name, application version, issue type, issue priority, operating system, and number of issue reports per issue.

4. (Currently Amended) The portal server according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of application issue data sources comprise a database of logo certification test results ~~performed on at least one application by a party other than the application developer~~ and a database of user-reported computer crash data.

5. (Previously presented) The portal server according to Claim 4, wherein the plurality of application issue data sources further comprise an additional database of application experience test data.

6 – 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The portal server according to Claim 1, wherein the application issue data further comprises blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data, and wherein the qualitative priority is a function of whether the application issue data is blocking issue data, quality issue data, or compatibility fix issue data.

27. (Currently Amended) The portal server according to Claim 1 further comprising a network interface accessible by at least one each of a plurality of external computing devices ~~the one or more application developers.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The portal server according to Claim 1, wherein the customizable user interface further comprises a presentation including the names of the applications associated with the corresponding ISV, a number of blocking issue data items associated with respective instances ~~each of the applications associated with the corresponding~~ ISV, a number of quality issue data items associated with respective instances ~~each of the~~ applications associated with the corresponding ISV, and a number of compatibility fix issue data

items associated with respective instances ~~each~~ of the applications associated with the corresponding ISV.

29. (Currently Amended) The portal server according to Claim 28, wherein ~~each~~ at least one of the application names is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising application issue data for the corresponding application, at least one of the ~~each~~ numbers of the blocking issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising blocking issue data for the corresponding application, at least one of the ~~each~~ numbers of the quality issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising quality issue data for the corresponding application, and at least one of the ~~each~~ numbers of the compatibility fix issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising compatibility fix issue data for the corresponding application.

30. (Currently Amended) A user interface comprising:
at least one processor communicatively coupled to the user interface for carrying out computer executable instructions in connection with user interface processes;
a login credentials pane, where entry of credentials allows access to ~~aggregated~~ application issue data stored in a plurality of data sources;
a search pane ~~for configured to receive an input pertaining to user entry of~~ at least one search term, whereby data stored in the data sources is aggregated as a function of the entry of at least one search term ~~coupled with a run command will cause a search to be executed of and a qualitative priority to determine an~~ aggregated application issue data set; and
a task pane ~~for configured to receive a formatting input pertaining to a preferred user selection of a format for displaying the aggregated~~ of application issue data set; and
a content pane ~~for configured to display the aggregated~~ of application issue data set.

31. (Currently Amended) The user interface according to Claim 30, wherein ~~the user is an application developer of one or more applications, and the aggregated~~ application issue data set displayed available to the user in the content pane relates to those one or more a set of applications associated with a particular independent software vendor (ISV) and omits data related to applications other than the one or more applications.

32. (Previously Presented) The user interface according to Claim 31, wherein the task pane contains a listing of available formats.

33. (Previously Presented) The user interface according to Claim 32, wherein the listing of available formats comprises a summary format.

34. (Currently Amended) The user interface according to Claim 33, wherein at least one of the ~~each~~ application issues has associated therewith number of reports of that issue, and wherein the summary format comprises a graphical illustration of the number of reports associated with ~~each of a subset of~~ respective application issues, ~~each~~ respective instances of the application issues in the subset having associated therewith more reports than any of the remaining issues not in the subset.

35. (Currently Amended) The user interface according to Claim 32, wherein the listing of available formats comprises a format wherein ~~each of the~~ at least one or more of the applications is listed and is visually associated with information regarding application issues for that application.

36. (Currently Amended) The user interface according to Claim 35, wherein the information visually associated with ~~each~~ at least one of the one or more applications comprises an indication of the total number of issues associated with that application.

37. (Currently Amended) The user interface according to Claim 36, wherein at least one of the applications issues ~~each~~ have one of a plurality of types, and wherein the information visually associated with ~~each of the~~ one or more applications comprises an indication of the number of issues of ~~each~~ at least one type associated with that application.

38. (Currently Amended) The user interface according to Claim 35, wherein the information visually associated with ~~each~~ at least one of the one or more applications comprises an indication of the total number of issues associated with that application when used in conjunction with an indicated operating system.

39. (Previously Presented) The user interface according to Claim 32, wherein the listing of available formats comprises a format wherein all application issues associated with the one or more applications are presented.

40. (Currently Amended) The user interface according to Claim 39, wherein ~~each~~at least one application issue has an identifier, and wherein within the format ~~wherein~~ all application issues associated with the one or more applications are presented, and the application issues are grouped by application issue identifier.

41. (Previously Presented) The user interface according to Claim 30, wherein the search pane comprises selectable search filters.

42. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to Claim 30, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

43. (Currently Amended) A user interface according to Claim 30, wherein the display of the ~~aggregated~~ application issue data set includes ~~the~~ names of ~~the~~ a set of applications associated with ~~the~~ a particular independent software vendor (ISV), a number of blocking issue data items associated with ~~each~~at least one application in the set, a number of quality issue data items associated with at least one ~~each~~ application in the set, and a number of compatibility fix issue data items associated with at least one ~~each~~ application in the set.

44. (Currently Amended) A user interface according to Claim ~~30~~ 43, wherein at least one of the ~~each~~ application names is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising application issue data for the corresponding application, at least one ~~each~~ number of the blocking issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising quality issue data for the corresponding application, and at least one ~~each~~ number of the compatibility fix issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising compatibility fix issue data for the corresponding application.

45. (Currently Amended) A ~~method~~ tangible computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, the instructions comprising:
instructions to gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources;
instructions to aggregate ~~aggregating~~ application issue data from the data sources as a
function of a qualitative priority such that ~~at least one~~ application issue data attributed to a particular independent software vendor (ISV) is accessible through a login protocol; and
instructions to aggregate ~~aggregating~~ application issue data from the data sources such that application issue[[s]] data pertaining to a common ~~the same~~ application are grouped together; and
presenting the aggregated application issue data visually to the developer of the one or more software applications by providing a user with selectable control for altering the order in which the application issues are presented.

46. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer-readable medium according to Claim 45, wherein the instructions to gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources comprises the instructions to gathering the application issue data from a database storing at least one item of user crash report data and a database storing at least one item of test report data.

47. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer-readable medium of Claim 45, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

48. (Currently Amended) A ~~method~~ tangible computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, the instructions comprising:
instructions to gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources;
instructions to aggregate ~~aggregating~~ application issue data from the data sources as a
function of a qualitative priority, wherein enabling at least one application issue data attributed to a particular independent software vendor (ISV) ~~is to be~~ accessible through a login protocol; and
instructions to aggregate ~~aggregating~~ application issue data from the data sources such that application issue[[s]] data pertaining to a common ~~the same~~ application are grouped together; and

presenting the aggregated application issue data visually to the developer of the one or more software applications by presenting a subset of the data in a visual page and presenting a user-selectable page control for accessing one or more pages of remaining data.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer-readable medium of Claim 48, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

51. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ computing device comprising:
~~at least one processor for executing computer-executable instructions for presenting application issue data;~~
means for gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources;
means for aggregating application issue data from the data sources as a function of a qualitative priority such that ~~at least one~~ application issue data attributed to a particular independent software vendor (ISV) is accessible through a login protocol; and
means for aggregating application issue data from the data sources such that application issue[[s]] data pertaining to a common ~~the same~~ application are grouped together;
~~means for gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources; and~~
~~means for presenting the aggregated application issue data visually to the developer of the one or more software applications by providing a user with selectable control for altering the order in which the application issues are presented.~~

52. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ computing device of Claim 51, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

53. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ computing device comprising:
~~at least one processor for executing computer-executable instructions for presenting application issue data;~~

means for gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources;
means for aggregating application issue data from the data sources as a function of a qualitative priority such that ~~at least one~~ application issue data attributed to a particular independent software vendor (ISV) is accessible through a login protocol; and
means for aggregating application issue data from the data sources such that application issue[[s]] data pertaining to a common ~~the same~~ application are grouped together;
means for gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources; and
means for presenting the aggregated application issue data visually to the developer of the one or more software applications by presenting a subset of the data in a visual page and presenting a user-selectable page control for accessing one or more pages of remaining data.

54. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ computing device of Claim 53, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

55. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer-readable medium according to Claim 48, wherein ~~the instructions to gathering~~ application issue data from a plurality of data sources comprises ~~the instructions to gathering~~ the application issue data from a database storing at least one item of user crash report data and a database storing at least one item of test report data.

56. (New) The computer-readable medium according to Claim 45 further comprising instructions to transmit the aggregated application issue data for visual presentation.

57. (New) The computer-readable medium according to Claim 48 further comprising instructions to transmit the aggregated application issue data for visual presentation.

58. (New) The computing device according to Claim 51 further comprising means for transmitting the aggregated application issue data for visual presentation.

59. (New) The computing device according to Claim 53 further comprising means for transmitting the aggregated application issue data for visual presentation.